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## New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[Teradata](#)

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## PODS Meeting

We are pleased to announce that we are scheduling a PODS Conference for March 31-April 1. Fluor will host the meeting at their Sugarland offices in the Houston, TX, area. Please "save the date" and watch for more details about the event.

Expected topics include:

- Pipeline GIS
- PODS Spatial: ESRI & Oracle Spatial

## PODS Association Leadership

- Introduction to PODS Seminar
- Much, much more.

## Upcoming Events

February 23-25, 2009: [PUG Conference](#)

March 31 - April 1: *Pipeline GIS Meeting*

June 8-9, 2009: [GeoGathering](#)

September 13-17, 2009: [GIS for Oil & Gas Conference](#)

If you would like to volunteer for this event, we have several areas in which you can help. Some areas include:

- Meeting committee
- Sponsorships
- and more

We look forward to seeing everyone in March.

## PODS 5.0 Release Survey

A survey was sent to the primary and technical contacts of member companies. The intent of the survey is to determine:

- who will be evaluating the release;
- what version is currently used by members; and
- what database program is used.

We appreciate your feedback. The information helps us to better meet the needs of our members.

## PODS 5.0 Release

Comments are to be emailed or mailed to [Sheila Wilson](#) by January 16, 2009. All comments will be addressed by the Board of Directors and/or Technical Committee.

When providing comments, please provide **specific, detailed comments** about:

- what you do or do not like about the release;
- any errors that you may have found in testing the model;
- any suggestions for improvement;
- et cetera.

We appreciate your comments and contributions to the model.

## FAQ - New Releases from PODS

This was in last month's newsletter. With the upcoming release, it will be repeated for the next several months.

*How does the PODS Association release new versions of the PODS model? What is the process around the release?*

The PODS Association has developed a schedule by which new versions of the PODS model are released. Here are the steps:

1. The Board of Directors evaluates the needs of the pipeline industry, the current state of the PODS model, and the resources of the Technical Committee. The Board then decides along with the Technical Committee what is to be included in the next major release as well as the minor releases.
2. Once the general outline for the major and minor releases have been determined, the Technical Committee begins work. Completing releases takes a significant amount of time and effort.
3. Once the Technical Committee has completed a major or minor release, the release goes to the Board for review and comment. The Board reviews it and then returns any comments to the Technical Committee for review.
4. Once the Board review process is complete, the release goes to

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## Quick Links [Our Website](#)

## Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals are due January 1, 2008. You have received your membership renewal invoice the first week of

December. PODS membership dues will remain the same for 2009. We are one of the few organizations not to raise rates in for three years.

members for review and comment. Member comments are compiled and returned to both the Board and Technical Committee for review.

5. Member comments are addressed by both the Board and the Technical Committee. Appropriate changes are made to the data model as necessary.
6. The final release is sent to members.

## Technical Committee Tip

Member questions are regularly used for the Technical Committee tip. Here is an important question that came in this month:

*I want to participate on the Technical Committee. How can I do that?*

The Technical Committee has vacancies several times a year due to member changes in responsibilities and/or changes in employment. When we have a vacancy, the Technical Committee will issue a formal request for applicants to submit a resume or curriculum vitae. The members will then evaluate the candidates and choose the one that best fits the needs of the committee. Please watch for opportunities to join the committee. We appreciate our members' participation.

## New Year's & GIS

Check out GIS and wine:

[New Zealand Vineyards](#)

[Napa Valley Wine Trails](#)

## PODS Association Leadership

*Executive Director:* Sheila Wilson

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